

Remarks

The specification is being amended to insert a paragraph at the beginning of the application setting forth the entire genealogy of this divisional application and the claims for domestic and foreign priority for each of the applications. The specification is also being amended on page 6 to remove "or about" from the expression "on or about April 24, 1997" in the places that expression appears. The specification is also being amended on pages 6-7 to update the address for the BCCM and to add two sentences concerning the removal of restrictions on the availability to the public of the deposited material (except as permitted by the CFR and MPEP) and replacement of the deposits under certain circumstances. These changes are similar to those made in the parent application (Serial No. 09/446,259, filed December 20, 1999), and none of them introduces any impermissible new matter.

The claims of this divisional application are being amended to present claims essentially the same as those that were withdrawn from consideration in the parent application because of a restriction requirement. Thus, a preliminary amendment in the parent application cancelled all claims and added claims 56 to 110. A restriction requirement was made, and parent application claims 56 to 75 were elected for further prosecution. Parent application claims 56 through 75 (except for claim 70, which was cancelled and whose substance was incorporated into claim 56) were allowed, and the issue fee has been paid.

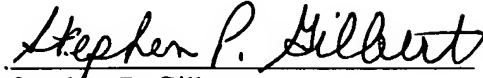
Divisional application claims 56 to 85 correspond to parent application claims 76 to 105, divisional application claims 86 to 89 correspond to parent application claims 106 to 109, and divisional application claim 90 corresponds to parent application claim 110. The meaning of several terms (e.g., "MDA-modified LDL" and "BCCM") has been added to the claims.

Applicants are transmitting herewith a copy of DECLARATION ON BEHALF OF ASSIGNEE CONCERNING DEPOSIT OF MICROORGANISMS, which was filed in the parent application in response to one of the Examiner's concerns.

Applicants are also transmitting herewith a copy of the substitute inventors' declaration, which was filed in the parent application in response to another of the Examiner's concerns.

Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephen P. Gilbert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

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